

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met via phone conference on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Will Terry, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, Daniel Lipari, and with James Vidos absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers, Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the August 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Arceneaux second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Reggie Pierre spoke to the board about an area in Bayou Choupique that is causing flooding issues near his home. Mr. Reid Miller reported that the Mayor of Baldwin is looking into the issues.

Mr. Matte reported due to the flooding from Hurricane Laura SMLD is having discussions with CPRA about participation in reviewing the hydrology study for the levees West of Charenton Canal.

In regards to the Yokely Levee Extension project, Reid Miller reported the geotechnical engineering firm has mobilized to the site. Mr. Miller stated that a meeting will be held next week with Gulf Craft to discuss flood protection of their facilities.

Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office met with the Morgan City Pump Station contractors to review 90% pricing and to clarify contractor assumptions; contractor will resubmit pricing based on cost saving measures discussed in the meeting.

Mr. Karam reported that his office has met with all 15 landowners along with St. Mary Levee District to review concept plans and collect feedback on the Lakeside project. Mr. Karam stated that hydrographic survey crew plans to begin work in Lake Palourde early next week.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported Phase1B (Dredging) of the Bayou Chene Project is still ongoing with an expected end date of Nov 9. Ms. Cutforth reported Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the project is also still ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), steel is currently being delivered to Bollinger, and cutting has commenced on Module 1. Ms. Cutforth reported that a proposed visit by the Governor could be in Mid-October for Phase 2 and 3. Phase 4A was advertised July 13, 20, and 27; bid opening was held August 25 and the lowest bid was Rigid Construction. Ms. Cutforth reported the construction of the floodwall and gate is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2021.

Ms. Cutforth reported the jackets are 100% complete of the receiving structure for the Bayou Teche Project. Ms. Cutforth stated the contractors have begun placing the sheet pile wall above the flap gate on the floodwall portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth reported 100% if the steel hull fabrication is complete for the floodgate portion of the portion. Ms. Cutforth also reported that the blasting and painting is scheduled to begin this week on this portion.

Mr. Matte reported the levee system seemed to perform as it should have during Hurricane Laura but Bayou Sale experienced some infiltration, however, it was not as significant as Hurricane Barry. Mr. Matte reported SMLD worked with St. Mary Parish Government and Drainage District #1 to close the area around Metal Shark and Gulf Craft, the temporary

measures worked again. Mr. Matte stated since the storm, SMLD did some rehab on the HESCOs to ready them for the next event.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize awarding the bid for Phase 4 to Rigid Construction. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize the opening of a Bond Sinking Fund Account. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to increase the 2020 administrative contract amount for APTIM. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign Change Order 2 for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 2. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the purchase of additional mitigation credits for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize to amend the agenda to add a line item to prepare bid packages for Phase 1C for an additional dredging area. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the above mentioned bid package. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District